

MassDOT Highway Administrator's Report to MassDOT Board

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Small Bridge Program Update



- The 5 year/\$50M program was signed into law on August 10, 2016 by Governor Baker. Program targets municipally owned bridges with span lengths between 10 and 20 feet, which make them ineligible for federal bridge funding
- Applications accepted 3 times per year:
Oct. 31st, Feb. 28th & June 30th
(Emergency applications can be submitted anytime)
- Highway Division received 70 applications in October and 50 were determined to be eligible for the program
- The applications are under review by the Chief Engineer with winners planned to be identified by the end of January
 - Each Highway District has reviewed their respective applications and made recommendations.

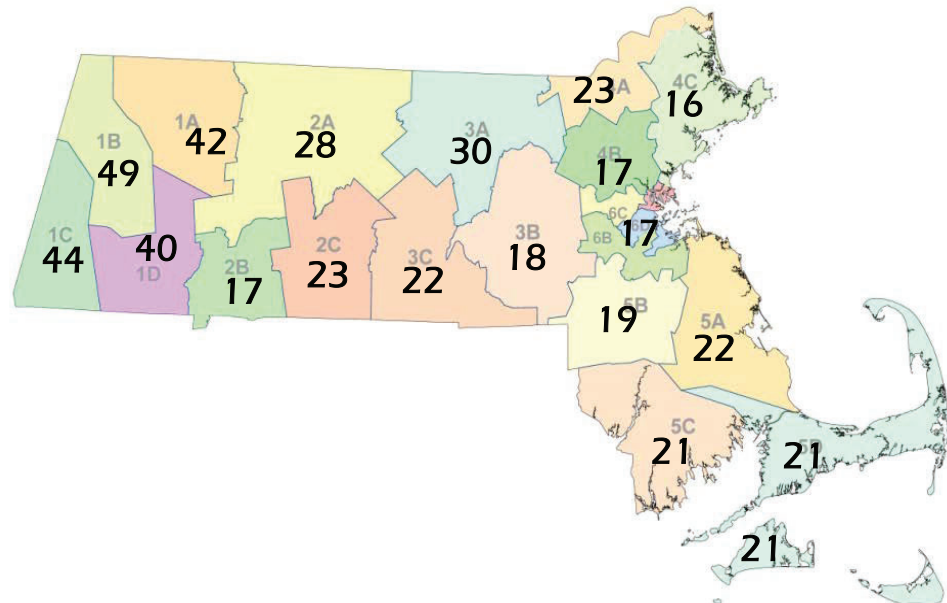
2016/2017 Snow and Ice Season



Season-to-Date: as of January 19, 2017

- MassDOT Highway Division has responded to **16** statewide snow and ice events
- Max Snow Fall Accumulation in Each District
 - District 1 – 49” District 4 – 23”
 - District 2 – 28” District 5 – 22”
 - District 3 – 30” District 6 – 17”

*2017 is on par with average annual season-to-date snow fall (as reported by National Weather Service)



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- MassDOT is tracking and has noticed a trend in the number of our plows being struck by other vehicles on the roadway
 - Estimate 12 plow strikes this season already
- MassDOT, working with MSP and EOPSS, has begun a campaign to remind drivers “Don’t Crowd the Plow”



All Electronic Tolling Update



System and Operations

- **More than 100 million transactions processed** since AET “Go-Live” on Oct. 28, 2016
- Approximately 86% of these have been processed as E-ZPass, which puts MassDOT **above it’s goal of 85% market share**
- **MassDOT issued its 3 millionth Massachusetts E-ZPass transponder** on November 11, 2016
- Travel time data* showed drivers **saving an average 12 minutes on their trip** eastbound along I-90 from I-495 to the I-90 “boat section” in South Boston

*Data is during weekday morning hours from November 19th – December 1st. This travel time savings is compared to the weeks prior to the toll booths being demolished.

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Toll Booth Demolition and Roadway Reconstruction

- All locations are on or ahead of schedule
- Work in 2017 will include demolishing remaining toll administration buildings, and full roadway construction, including installing drainage, guardrail, and lighting
- Sumner Toll Plaza was advertised on January 14, 2017
- MassDOT has completed 2 out of 4 public meetings (round 2) on the Toll Demolition and Roadway Reconstruction Project. The final 2 are in District 2 (1/23/17) and District 1 (2/1/17)